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WONDERLAND AUCTION RAISES MONEY
FOR OREGON'S ECOSYSTEMS by Camilla Mortensen

Every year, a local conservation group turns an otherwise staid meeting hall into a winter wonderland. It's not so much the decorations — if there are any, aside from nicely draped tables, I've never noticed — but rather the spirit with which the 300 or so attendees show up ready to enjoy themselves and spend money to support Cascadia Wildlands and its work to preserve Oregon's forests and ecosystems.

Cascadia Wildlands' "Wonderland Auction" takes place Dec. 12 at Lane Community College, and those attending can bid on everything from a rafting trip with the group's executive director to spa gift certificates and jackets from Tactics.

More than 200 businesses donated to the event, according to auction organizer and Cascadia Wildlands' operations and communications director Kaley CoslowSauer.

The group's motto is "we like it wild," and it's not unusual for attendees to show up to the annual event in everything from a tux and evening wear to jeans and a flannel shirt, though CoslowSauer says it's a "cocktail attire" sort of night. Cocktail attire aside, children are welcome; she tells *EW* that children under 12 get in free.

CoslowSauer says the auction is the group's biggest event of the year. Last year they raised a record \$40,000 between the live and silent auctions and the "paddle raise," with donations that go straight to the nonprofit. The paddle-raise money is tax deductible, CoslowSauer says, as are items donated to the auction to sell,



and any money paid for gifts above their value are "most likely" tax deductible.

Alyssa Lawless, director of sustainability for longtime event sponsor Mountain Rose Herbs, says that as "a mission-driven company," Mountain Rose aims to support local environmental nonprofits, and Cascadia's mission to protect "wildlife, water quality and our land is important to Mountain Rose because this is where our employees live and play." For those who prefer nonalcoholic drinks, the event will have teas by Mountain Rose.

In addition to the holiday shopping at the live and silent auctions, those who head out to the event can sip local ciders, beers and wines from Ninkasi, Oakshire and Agrarian Ales, Opine Cellars and WildCraft Cider Works as they eat a Northwest "gourmet meal" prepared by LCC catering, CoslowSauer says. There will "funky jazz" music by The Requests, featuring members of Eugene's own Eleven Eyes.

CoslowSauer says that each year at the auction, Cascadia Wildlands announces a focus for the coming year, which this time will be climate change, safeguarding the Elliott State Forest, stopping liquefied natural gas pipelines and keeping Oregon's water cool and clean for salmon and recreation. ♦

The 13th annual Wonderland Auction is 6 to 10 pm, Dec. 12, at LCC's Center for Meeting and Learning. Tickets can be purchased online until Dec. 7 at cascwild.org for \$50 in advance; it's \$60 at the door. Tables for eight, which include two bottles of wine, can be reserved, and it's also possible to volunteer a two-hour shift at the event in exchange for a ticket.

A Child's Christmas Memory

EUGENE ACTOR CELEBRATES 31 YEARS OF PERFORMING
A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES by William Kennedy

Eugene actor David Stuart Bull has been performing Dylan Thomas' timeless story *A Child's Christmas in Wales* for so long, people have forgotten exactly how long it's been.

Ib Hamide, owner of Café Soriah where Bull performs the piece, says 27 or 28 years. Bull says it's been more than 30. "This will be, by my count, the 31st year," Bull claims.

What's not debatable is that his annual performance of the piece is a local tradition.

Bull is an Englishman by birth. "My earliest memories of Christmas are very much like the story," he says. "When I first read the story it was such a nice surprise to rediscover someone who had captured the sense of Christmas that I remember growing up."

His performance is accompanied by Celtic music from local musicians Chico Schwall and Linda Danielson.

"The show starts out with half an hour of Celtic music," Hamide

explains, "then David comes on after that." Hamide says that before the reading Soriah will serve appetizers, drinks and dessert.

"A lot of people come back year after year," Bull says. "It's a very small venue. It gets filled up very quickly."

Over the years, Bull has come to know *A Child's Christmas in Wales* intimately. Nevertheless, he says his relationship to the text is always changing.

"It's such a well-written story," Bull says, "and I bring so much of my own experience of Christmas into the performance that just about every time I do it, it's a sense of the first time."

"Different things resonate with me from year to year," he continues. "Along with the musical atmosphere, it's really quite exciting for me to still do it after all this time." ♦

A Child's Christmas in Wales plays at 3 pm Dec. 11-12 and Dec. 18-19 as well as at 9:30 pm Dec. 21-24 at Café Soriah, 384 W. 13th Ave.; \$10. Call 342-4410 for reservations. Space is limited.

Crack Your Nuts with Holiday Dance

A SEASON OF SUGARPLUM FAIRIES, NARNIA ADVENTURES, DANCING DICKENS AND MORE By Rachael Carnes

It's the holiday season, and all across town, stages start to sparkle with gyrating gumdrops, spinning snowflakes and leaping lions. So grab a hot cocoa in the lobby and settle in for a nice break from your to-do list as you take in some of this shimmery season of dance.

This is the biggest time of year for dance recitals for local studios, and these hard-working young dancers are gearing up to strut their stuff.

Catch **Oregon Ballet Academy's** *Snow White and the*

Seven Dancing Dwarfs at 2 pm and 7 pm Saturday, Nov. 28, and 2 pm and 6 pm Sunday, Nov. 29, in the Ragozzino Performance Hall at Lane Community College; \$15.

All That! Dance Company offers its *Nutcracker Remixed* 7 pm Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Hult Center. The show features "upbeat music, energetic dancing and magical surprises on stage," says choreographer Sarah Beth Byrum; \$22-\$33.

The **Eugene Youth Ballet** offers many public performances of its captivating *Nutcracker*. Find them at

5:30 pm Friday, Nov. 20, at Light Up Downtown; 7 pm Monday, Nov. 30, at the UO Global Scholars Hall; 4 pm Thursday, Dec. 3, in the Springfield Public Library; 10:15 am Friday, Dec. 4, at the Sheldon Branch of the Eugene Public Library; 2:45 pm Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Waldorf School; 4 pm and 5 pm Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Eugene Public Library downtown; 7:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 10, at Elmira High School; and 10:15 am Friday, Dec. 11, at the Bethel Branch of the Eugene Public Library; all shows are free. Whew! That's a lot of marzipan.

And **Hosanna Dance** presents its *Adventures in Narnia*, inspired by C.S. Lewis' beloved novel *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, at 1 pm and 6 pm Saturday, Dec. 12, and 4 pm Sunday, Dec. 13, in LCC's Ragozzino Performance Hall.

On the professional front, **Ballet Fantastique** reprises its popular *An American Christmas Carol*, a jazzy twist on the classic tale of redemption. Choreographers Donna and Hannah Bontrager re-imagine Dickens' Ebenezer Scrooge in iconic post-WWII America, with their signature "retro-glam original choreography set to the velvet voice of international jazz singer — and local sweetheart — Halie Loren," says Katey Finley of Ballet Fantastique. Catch the show at the Hult Center, 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11-12, with a 2:30 pm matinee Dec. 13; \$28-\$58.

And finally, for some of us, it just doesn't feel like the holidays without the complete-and-unabridged *Nutcracker*, and **Eugene Ballet Company's** perennial favorite never disappoints. (Magic! Mice! A giant Gingerbread lady with children who live under her skirts! What's not to love?) Tchaikovsky's indelible score, played live by Brian McWhorter's Orchestra Next and sung by the Festival Singers, with lovingly-rendered choreography by EBC's Toni Pimble, makes this a holiday tradition for many.

"*Nutcracker* is a great way to celebrate the holiday season," Pimble says. "Christmas isn't the season without *Nutcracker* — it's a great way to introduce young children to classical ballet." ♦

Catch *Clara, Fritz, the Prince and the Sugar Plum Fairy* herself on 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18-19, and 2 pm Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Hult Center; \$15-\$53.



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WRITER LAUREN KESSLER'S

NUTCRACKER JOURNEY by Rachael Carnes

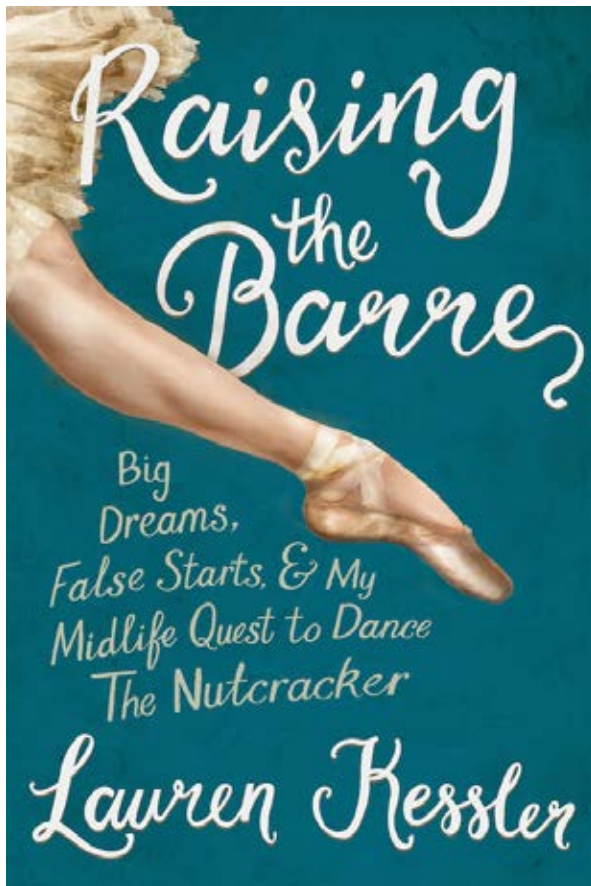
Raising the Barre: Big Dreams, False Starts, & My Midlife Quest to Dance the Nutcracker (Da Capo Press) by local author Lauren Kessler begins with the moment, a little over a year ago, when — in the midst of her middle-aged working-mom life — Kessler gets a bee in her bonnet to dance *The Nutcracker* with the Eugene Ballet Company.

With a funny and warm writing style, Kessler describes a history of doubts, from the poking comments of her early dance teachers to her powerful drive to succeed in EBC's performances — by any means necessary.

Once she meets with EBC's artistic director Toni Pimble, who agrees to give her a shot, Kessler is off and running, taking every opportunity she can to ready herself. In just a few short months, she'll share the stage with professional dancers, and she wants to look the part.

"The book is about taking on challenges when you don't have to and pushing yourself out of the comfort zone you worked so hard to get to in the first place," Kessler says. "Doing that brought me face-to-face with the experience of being a beginner, which is all about humility and patience and depending on others. That was a great lesson to re-learn."

Throughout the rigorous rehearsal process, with many hours spent in dance class and on the road, Kessler's story hits its stride: "Dancing moved me out of my head, where I almost always reside, and into my body," she says. "It



gave me back (if only for fleeting moments) the kind of embodied joy I remember experiencing as a girl."

Raising the Barre reads as a who's who in Eugene dance and bodywork. (I was tickled, for example, to see my next-door neighbor Summer Spinner featured as a Barre 3 instructor.) And Kessler chronicles her pursuit of the "ballet body" by checking out fitness and dance classes all across town.

"Researching this book, joining the company and befriending these professional dancers reignited my interest in the art form and made me realize what I hadn't as a child — this is a life of enormous sacrifice," Kessler says.

In the book, Kessler explores the history of ballet in a fascinating romp through the last few centuries. Kessler finds lively ways to tell the story of an evolving pedagogy and art form.

"I have been interested in and in love with ballet ever since I sat, transfixed, at age 5, watching my first *Nutcracker* at Lincoln Center with my mother," Kessler explains.

Kessler says her experience onstage has given her a new appreciation for the inner workings of dance-making and choreography, as well as its financing and the life of the (few) dancers who make a (modest) living at it.

"What strikes me the most after this experience is the difference between how effortless ballet looks to us in the audience and how agonizingly difficult it truly is — how light, airy and otherworldly the dancers appear to us on stage and how disciplined, intense and often grueling their lives actually are," Kessler says.

"Most dancers — like most writers, musicians and artists — cannot make even a modest living just by dancing. Seeing how the EBC dancers manage their lives to make dancing possible made me admire them even more."

Kessler says she looks forward to reprising her role as Aunt Rose in EBC's *Nutcracker* at the Hult, Dec. 18-20.

"If I can still fit into the costume," she adds. ♦

Raising the Barre is available from DaCapo Press. Lauren Kessler presents her new book 7 pm Monday, Nov. 30, at the UO Global Scholars Hall.

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2015 Holiday Happenings

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

The Roving Park Players present *A Christmas Carol*, 7:30 pm today at Sheldon Oaks Retirement, 2525 Cal Young Rd.; and 7pm Nov. 20-22 at Good Samaritan Center, 3500 Hilyard, 735-7184. FREE.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

Fern Ridge & Veneta Annual Holiday Bazaar, food and crafts by local artisans, 9am-5pm today and Saturday, Nov. 21, 935-8443. FREE.

GOD plus nothing tour: An Evening of Inspirational Gospel Soul, 7:30pm, Hult Center. \$30-\$65.

Maude Kerns presents "Art for All Seasons" exhibit, Nov. 20 - Dec. 18, opening reception Friday, Nov. 20, 6-8pm. FREE.

A Christmas Carol: The Broadway Version, musical version of Dickens' classic, 7:30 pm Fridays & Saturdays through Dec. 19 with 2pm brunch matinees Nov. 29 & Dec. 6, Actors Cabaret of Eugene, 996 Willamette St., 683-4368. \$16-\$42.95.

Artists' Holiday Show & Sale featuring works by Patti Lomont, Karen Russo, Mara Berendt Friedman & Shannon Weber, sculptures, paintings, glass & more, 4-8pm today, 11am-6pm Nov. 21, noon-4pm Nov. 22, Patti Lomont's Studio, 2106 McMillan St., 741-8229. FREE.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

New Zone Gallery Holiday Store featuring handcrafted gifts made for the holidays under \$50, noon-6pm Tuesdays through Saturdays, Nov. 24 to Dec. 24, 164 W. Broadway, 683-0759. FREE.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

Festival of Trees, trees, wreaths, Christmas stockings, gift baskets, holiday fair in Dicken's Village, entertainment, visits from Santa, Candy Cane Forest and chainsaw art carving, 9am-6pm today, 10am-6pm Nov. 26, 9am-7pm Nov. 27, 9am-2pm Nov. 28, 9am-5pm Nov. 29, Valley River Inn, 228-3040. \$3-\$6.

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis, 7:30pm, Hult Center. \$35-\$75.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner hosted by Friendly Street Church of God, transportation available and volunteers welcome, noon-3pm, 2290 Friendly St., 345-6553.

Dia De Gracias 2015 Whiteaker Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, se invita a todas la comunidad se ofrecera comida i ropa, 11am-3pm, Whiteaker Community Head Start Center, 21 N. Grand, 485-8179, wcdinner.org. FREE.



FRIDAY, NOV. 27

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, 7:30pm today and then Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays, with 2 pm Sunday matinees, through Dec. 20 at Oregon Contemporary Theatre, 194 W. Broadway, 465-1506. \$15-\$25.

Kindista Holiday Market: Buy Nothing and Share Freely, bring underused household items to give away and find gently used treasures to bring home, leftover Thanksgiving potluck feast, music, dance, words by Mayor Kitty Piercy, 10am-4pm, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1300 Pearl St. FREE.

Thurston High School Choirs Holiday Craft Faire, 100 vendors selling their wares, 10am-6pm today & 10am-5pm Nov. 28, Thurston High School, 333 N. 58th St., Spfd., 744-5141. FREE.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

"Candlelight Carols" presented by Northwest Christian University, 7pm today & Dec. 3, Willamette Christian Center, 2500 W. 18th Ave. FREE.

Annual Greens Sale hosted by Eugene Garden Club. Natural wreaths, table floral designs, little trees, cone baskets, poinsettias and other holiday home decorations, 9am-3pm. Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St., 541-485-5772 for more information or special orders.

The Nutcracker Remixed presented by All That! Dance, 7pm today, Soreng Theater, \$23-\$36.50.

Shelton McMurfhey Johnson House Candlelight Tour, 6pm today & Nov. 29, also Dec. 6, 10, 24, 26 & 31, Shelton McMurfhey Johnson House, 303 Willamette St., 484-0808, smjhouse.org. \$10.

6th Annual "Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus" hosted by Eugene Downtown Lions Club, breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, cocoa and coffee, photographer available, Santa's helpers assist kids with frosting cookies, bike raffle, 8am-noon, St. Thomas Episcopal Fellowship Hall, 1465 Coburg Rd., 344-1049, \$8, \$5 kids.

Festival of Trees, fundraiser for Oregon Coast Military Museum, today & Nov. 29. Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence, 902-0991.

Global March to Climate Solutions, in conjunction with marches worldwide on eve of Climate Talks in Paris, 2pm today, starts at Old Federal Building, 211 E. 7th, ends at 3pm in Alton Baker Park. FREE.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

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Party, fundraiser, music, food, 5:30-9pm, Claim 52, 1030 Tyinn St. FREE.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

Holiday Marketplace, shop for handcrafted gifts and homemade delicacies, 9am-6pm today & Dec. 3, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd., 736-4444. FREE.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

Thomas Hecht, piano, 7:30pm, Beall Concert Hall, UO, 346-5678. \$8-\$10.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

Upstart Crow Studios presents *Annie*, 7pm Dec. 4-5 & Dec. 11-12, 3pm matinees Dec. 6 & Dec. 13, 855 W. 1st Ave. \$12.

UO Community Music Institute's Chamber Players, 5pm, Beall Concert Hall, UO, 346-5678. FREE.

Annie Heron Ceramics Studio Sale, pottery, mosaic and tiles, 6-9 pm today and 11am-4pm Dec. 5-6, 2489 Emerald St., 683-5683.

Faith Rahill's Holiday Pottery Sale, 5-8pm today, 10am-4pm Dec. 5, 11am-4pm Dec. 6, 2581 Monroe St., 344-2100. FREE.

14 th Annual Creche Exhibit by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, array of 1,000 Nativity scenes from around the world, get free photo of family in front of manger scene, music, 5-9pm today, 11am-8pm Dec. 5 & 4-8pm Dec. 6, 1155 President St. FREE.

Holiday Pottery Sale at Standhardt Studio, 5-8pm today, 10am-4pm Dec. 5, 11am-4pm Dec. 6, 55 W. 27th Ave., 514-4646.

Cottage Theatre presents *The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe*, 8pm today, plays 8pm Thursdays through Saturdays & 2:30pm Sunday through Dec. 20, 700 Village Dr., 942-8001. \$14-\$19.

35rd Annual Holiday Ceramics Studio Sale at Faye Nakamura Studio, 1-6pm today, 10am-4pm Dec. 5, 2695 University St., 431-0096.

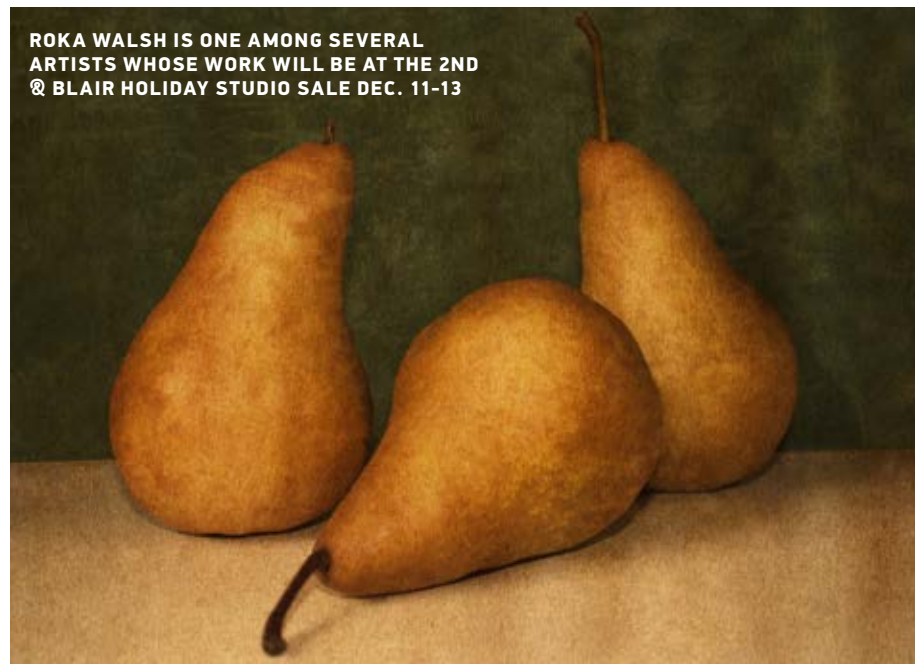
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Holiday Choral Concert: Live-streamed presents four UO choirs performing holiday-themed music, 7:30pm, Beall Concert Hall, \$7, \$5 students, seniors.

The Den at Wayward Lamb presents TRIMMINGS Holiday Market, curated modern gifts and local vendors, noon-4pm today, The Wayward Lamb, 150 W. Broadway. FREE.

Jingle Bells Run, 12k run (new), 8k run and 5k run/walk, music, Santa, breakfast, noon, Maurie Jacobs Park, 484-9883, eclecticdgeracing.com, \$25 adv., \$30.

Suzuki Strings Concert, 11am, Beall Concert Hall, UO, 346-5678. FREE.



ROKA WALSH IS ONE AMONG SEVERAL ARTISTS WHOSE WORK WILL BE AT THE 2ND & BLAIR HOLIDAY STUDIO SALE DEC. 11-13

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

Holiday Market, hundreds of booths with handcrafted gifts, international food court and live music, 10am-6pm ongoing weekends until Dec. 26, Exhibit Hall, Lane County Fairgrounds. FREE.

"Let it Snow" presented by the Academy of Ballet Fantastique, 7pm, Wildish Theater, Springfield, \$16, \$9 kids.

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

Children's Chanukah Celebration, crafts, activities, live music, stories & baked goods, 10am-1pm, Temple Beth Israel, 1175 E. 29th Ave. \$5 per child suggested donation.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner at Friendly Street Church of God, noon-3pm, 2290 Friendly St., 345-6553. FREE.

Turkey Stuffer 5K Run, benefit for Willamalane's free Summer Playground Program for kids, 8:30am today, Lively Park, 736-4244. \$10-\$25, pick up reg. packets Nov. 24-25 at Willamalane Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd.

Turkey Trot, 4-mile run, 2-mile walk, 200-meter kid's Gobbler Gallop, benefit run for FOOD for Lane County 9am, Valley River Center, register through FOOD for Lane County or Eugene Running Company, 116 Oakway Center, \$20 adults, \$15 17 and younger.

Holiday Choral Concert, 7:30pm, Beall Concert Hall, UO, 346-5678. \$5-\$7.

Making Spirits Bright: A Winter Dance Concert, 3pm & 7pm, The Majestic Theatre, 115 SW Second St., Corvallis, 738-7569. \$10-\$12.

Eugene Waldorf School's Winter Light Faire, puppet shows, cake walks, candle dipping, *The Nutcracker* ballet, Hanukkah room, crosscut saw competition, games, food and live music, 11am-4pm, 1350 McLean Blvd, FREE, some activities require ticket; \$1.50 each.

Poison Pen Players *Dead in the Sled: Ho, Ho, Ho ... Oh, No!*, musical dinner theater, 7pm today at Big K Guest Ranch in Elkton; 7pm Dec. 12 at Florence Events Center; 7pm Dec. 18 at Three Rivers Casino in Florence; 7pm Dec. 19 Red Lion Hotel in Coos Bay; 7pm Dec. 31 at Hilton Eugene, tickets & info at 999-9281 or poisonpenplayers.com. \$40-\$75.

The 63rd Annual Springfield Christmas Parade: "The Twelve Days of Christmas," 1pm, begins at Olympic St., downtown Spfd., 988-0955. FREE.

Breakfast with Santa, fundraiser for FOOD for Lane County, 8-10am, BJ's, 1080 Valley River Center, 344-2200. \$5.

"Experience Christmas with NCU: Bliss" community concert presented by Northwest Christian University, 2pm & 7pm today and Dec. 6, Silva Concert Hall, FREE.

Very Victorian Family Holiday at Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, family craft day, storytelling and holiday fun, 10am, 303 Willamette St., 484-0808, smjhouse.org.

"Christmas in Cottage Grove" with tree lighting at Trailhead Park, Prospectors Holiday Bizarre (360 S. River Road), Breakfast with Santa (233 Harrison), Santa at City Hall, 8am-8pm, Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, 942-2411. FREE.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

14th Annual HOUR Traders Winter Celebration, activities, live music, entertainment, 11am-5pm, Old World Deli Arena, 341 SW 2nd St., Corvallis. FREE.

Eugene Concert Choir's "A Dickens of a Christmas," time-travel to the Renaissance, 1800s England and today, 3pm today, Hult Center, 682-5000. \$20 & up.

UO Gospel Choir and Ensemble, 5pm, Beall Concert Hall, UO, 346-4363. \$8, \$5 students, seniors.

Shedd Theatricals presents *Anything Goes*, 1934 Broadway musical, today through Dec. 20, The Shedd, 868 High St., 434-7000. \$14.50-\$38.

Oregon's Ugliest Sweater Run, 5K race, 11am at Alton Baker Park, register at oregonsugliestsweaterrun.com. \$30-\$40.

MONDAY, DEC. 7

Shasta Middle School Winter Concert, 7pm, Hult Center. \$13.

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

The Oak Ridge Boys Hits & Christmas Show, 7:30pm, Hult Center. \$43.50-\$57.75.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

The Jazz Kings "Swinging on a Star," holiday concert, 7:30pm today, 2pm Sunday, The Shedd, 868 High St., 434-7000. \$9-\$34.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

8th Annual Holiday Sale at Clay Space featuring more than 20 local artists, 4-9pm today, 10am-6pm Dec. 12, noon-5pm Dec. 13, Clay Space, 222 Polk St.

2nd & Blair Artists Holiday Studio Sale & Open House, work by Michael DiBitetto, Judi Lamb, John Rose, Alison Shiboski, Jayme Vineyard, Roka Walsh & Betsy Wolfston, 4-9pm today, 11am-7pm Dec. 12, noon-4pm Dec. 13, 1168 W. Second Ave. FREE.

Dive-In Movie: *Frozen*, movie and swimming, 6pm, Willamalane Park Swim Center, 1276 G St., Spfd. \$5, \$16 for a family of 4.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, 7:30pm today, Dec. 12 & Dec. 18-19; 2:30pm Dec.



12-13 & Dec. 19-20, The Majestic Theatre, 115 SW Second St., Corvallis, 738-7569. \$14-\$16.

Ballet Fantastique's An American Christmas Carol w/Halie Loren, retro-glam ballet version of Dickens classic, 7:30pm today & Dec. 12, 2:30pm Dec. 13, Hult Center. \$28-\$58.50.

Clay Space 8th Annual Local Artists Holiday Sale, featuring work of more than 20 artists in ceramics, jewelry, fibers, photos, clay, glass & more, music and wine tastings as well, 4-9pm today, 10am-6pm Dec. 12 & noon-5pm Dec. 13, 222 Polk St., 653-8089. FREE.

A Child's Christmas in Wales by Dylan Thomas, performed by Kenneth Bull w/music by Chico Schwall & Linda Danielson, 3pm today, Dec. 12 & Dec. 18-19; 9:30pm Dec. 21-24, Café Soriah, 384 W. 13th Ave., 342-4410. \$10.

Eugene Symphony w/Yo Yo Ma, 7:30pm, Hult Center. \$78-\$225.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

Frozen Trail Runfest, 5K, 6,8, and 14 mile, 50K, 9am 50K, 10am all other events, Mt. Pisgah, register at Eugene Running Company, 484-9883, 116 Oakway Center, \$20-\$55.

Newport Symphony Holiday Spectacular w/Corvallis Repertory Singers and Central Coast Chorale, 7:30pm today & 4pm Dec. 13, Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W. Olive St., Newport, 265-9464. \$10-\$34.

Breakfast with Santa, pancakes, crafts, photos, 9am-noon, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, Spfd., 912-8773.

13th Annual Adventures in Narnia Holiday Ballet and Toys for Tots Benefit presented by Hosanna Performing Arts Foundation, 1pm and 6pm today, 4pm Dec. 13, Ragozzino Performance Hall, Lane Community College, 607-5798, \$13-\$15.

Very Victorian Holiday Tea at the Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, 1-3pm today, Dec. 13, Dec. 19-20, 303 Willamette St., 484-0808 for reservations, \$30.

Cascadia Wildlands'13th annual Wonderland Auction, live and silent auctions, live jazz, buffet dinner, Ninkasi beer and local wine, 6pm-10pm, Center for Meeting & Learning, LCC, 4000 E. 30th Ave., 434-1463. \$50 adv., \$60 door.

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Corvallis Youth Symphony Young Artist Concert featuring works by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff and Samuel Barber, 3 pm today, LaSells Stewart Center,

Corvallis, tickets at cysassoc.org. \$10 adv., \$12 door, \$5 w/CASA card, children FREE.

The Motet Singers annual Christmas Concert "The Holly and the Ivy," women's a cappella ensemble, 4pm today, Ebbert Memorial United Methodist Church, 534 C St., Spfd., 554-8421. \$10, students/youth FREE.

TUESDAY, DEC. 15

The Jazz Kings "Swinging on a Star," holiday concert, 7:30pm today, LaSells Stewart Center, Corvallis. 434-7000. \$15-\$30.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

The Den at Wayward Lamb presents the new hit Drag King show "The Kings Of Eugene Holiday Show!" 7:30-9:30pm today, The Wayward Lamb, 150 W. Broadway, \$3.

The Jazz Kings "Swinging on a Star," holiday concert, 7:30pm today, Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence, 434-7000. \$15-\$30.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

Candlelight Baroque Concert featuring the Oregon Mozart Players, 7:30 pm today and Dec. 19, First Christian Church, 1166 Oak St., 345-6648. \$15-\$45, \$10 students and youth.

The Nutcracker presented by Eugene Ballet Company, 7:30pm today, 2pm and 7:30pm Dec. 19, 2pm Dec.20, Hult Center, \$29-\$65, college and youth discounts available.

The Den at Wayward Lamb presents the award-winning cabaret *Glamazons Holiday Spectacular*, 9pm-2:30am today, The Wayward Lamb, 150 W. Broadway, \$5.

Radio Redux's *Miracle on 34th Street*, live radio drama, 7:30pm today & Dec. 19, 2pm Sunday, Dec. 20, Hult Center, 682-5000. \$16-\$21.

Thurston High School Choir's Ye Olde Christmas Feaste, catered dinner and show, an evening full of merriment, song and food, 6:30pm today & Dec. 19, Thurston High School, 333 N. 58th St., Spfd., info at 744-5141. \$17.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

Eugene Sacred Harp Singers' Annual Concert and Sing-Along, 7pm, Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St., 345-3626, FREE, donations welcome.

The Den at Wayward Lamb presents their "First Annual Holiday Office Party," 9pm-2:30am, The Wayward Lamb, 150 W. Broadway, \$3.

THURSDAY, DEC. 31

Eugene Opera: *Lucia li Lammermoor*, 7:30pm today & 2:30pm Jan. 3, Hult Center. \$20-\$87.



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